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CERTIFICATION REPORT

Mr. Johnny Reising

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Dear Mr. Reising:

This letter provides Ohio Environmental Protection Agency approval of the Area 1 Phase I Certification Report, Revision 1 received by Ohio EPA on May 29, 1998. Ohio EPA approves the report as certifying the areas met the Final Remedial Levels as specified in the Operable Unit 5 Record of Decision at the time the samples were collected. Ohio EPA reserves the right to reexamine the certification status of the relevant property areas if, in the opinion of Ohio EPA, the areas have been subjected to re-contamination by airborne releases, contaminated storm water run on or any similar mechanism.

There are two special circumstances which are worth noting.

- 1. The remaining portions of the North Access Road are not covered by this certification report. The northern portion will remain and be address under Area 10, while the southern segment will be removed and addressed under a separate submittal this summer.
- 2. The On-Site Disposal Facility will extend over portions of Area 1 Phase I. By design, the placement of waste into the facility changes the certification status of these portions of Area 1 Phase I. These areas will be addressed by DOE's post-closure ownership, maintenance and monitoring requirements for the On-Site Disposal Facility.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Ontko or me.

Sincerely,

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